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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - AUGUST 10

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 10,
1978. FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

MR. CARTER: WE WELCOME THE CURRENT MOVES IN BEIRUT TO
MAKE A CEASEFIRE MORE EFFECTIVE AND TO REDUCE TENSIONS
IN WHAT SEEMS TO US SENSIBLE WAYS. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
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HELPED BRING ABOUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS DESERVE THE SUPPORT
OF EVERYONE.

Q. WHO ARE THEY?

A. WE HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN TALKING TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
I DON'T THINK THAT I AM GOING TO SPECIFY EVERYONE OR
ANYONE AT THIS TIME.

Q. DID YOU TALK TO THE PLO?

A. NO.

Q. ON BEIRUT, A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WERE TAKEN YESTERDAY

RELATING TO AN ASSURANCE RECENTLY GIVEN BY THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT THAT U.S.-ORIGIN WEAPONS UNDER TRANSFER
RESTRICTION HAD NOT BEEN SUPPLIED TO THE MARONITES IN
LEBANON. QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AS TO WHEN WAS THIS ASSURANCE
REQUESTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT; WHAT LEVEL WAS IT MADE?

A. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THOSE QUESTIONS ARE NOT GOING
TO BE ANSWERED, TO BE VERY CANDID.

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ISRAEL'S
USE OF A-4'S IN LEBANON WAS LEGITIMATE USE OF THE WEAPONS,
OR WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CRITICISM YOU WOULD MAKE OF IT?

A. I HAVE NOTHING BEYOND OUR GENERAL POSITION ON WHAT WAS SAID ON THE SECOND OR THIRD DAY AFTER THE RETALIATION.

Q. YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. YOU ONLY SAID A-4'S WERE USED.

A. I'M NOT SURE OF WHAT QUESTION YOU ARE ASKING ME. I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY BEYOND WHAT WAS SAID.
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Q. HIS QUESTION LAST WEEK WAS: HAS THIS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE IN KEEPING WITH "LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE," AS DEFINED BY THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT?

A. AT THIS POINT I DONT HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON IT. I DONT HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. IF THE QUESTION IS PENDING, THEN I'LL SEE WHETHER THERE IS AN ANSWER FOR IT.

Q. THERE WAS A REVIEW AT ONE POINT OF WHETHER ISRAELI ACTIVITIES IN THAT INCURSION INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON WERE IN KEEPING WITH THAT ACT, AND THAT REVIEW TURNED OUT RATHER AMBIGUOUS. IS THERE A SIMILAR REVIEW GOING ON ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT?

A. I'M NOT AWARE OF ONE.

Q. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OR PRELIMINARY PLANNING GOING FORWARD THAT THE SECRETARY GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN PREPARATION FOR THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT?

A. THERE IS NO PLANNING THAT I KNOW OF GOING ON, AND NO INTENTION THAT I KNOW OF FOR HIM TO RETURN THERE BEFORE THE 5TH.

Q. IS THERE A CHANCE THAT ATHERTON WILL GO BACK AFTER ARRIVING HERE ON THE 13TH?

A. I WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE, NOT BECAUSE I KNOW OF ANY PLANS, BUT BECAUSE WHAT HE IS ABOUT CARRIES THAT POSSIBILITY ALL THE TIME. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
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FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS MANY OF YOU HAVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE WORK THAT IS GOING TO BE DONE BETWEEN NOW AND THE SUMMIT WILL BE DONE THROUGH OUR AMBASSADORS THROUGH THE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS HERE AND THERE.

Q. WHO IS COORDINATING THE ADMINISTRATION'S PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMIT? IS IT DONE OUT OF THIS BUILDING OR OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE?

A. IN A PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT, A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATE. OBVIOUSLY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE STAFF -- THE SO-CALLED MIDDLE EASTERN GROUP -- WILL BE WORKING VERY HARD ON THIS BETWEEN NOW AND THE SUMMIT. WORKING ALSO WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THE LIKELY PARTICIPANTS AT A SUMMIT, LIMITED THOUGH IT MAY BE, WILL INCLUDE PEOPLE OTHER THAN JUST STATE DEPARTMENT PEOPLE, YOU HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THEY WILL ALSO BE IN ON THE PLANNING. I CANT LIMIT IT. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE WORK IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE DONE HERE, BUT NOT ALL OF IT.

Q. ARE YOU EXPECTING BEGIN AND SADAT TO BRING THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AS WELL AS THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS?

A. I WOULD SUGGEST MORE STRONGLY THAT THEY WILL BRING THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS, RATHER THAN THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS, BUT WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING TO ANYONE WHO THEY BRING. THE UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT IS GOING TO BE A FAIRLY LIMITED GROUP -- 8 OR 9 IN ALL -- WHO WILL BE OUT THERE.

Q. I WAS WONDERING WHAT THE CHANGE IN THE TERMINOLOGY OF THE AMERICAN POSITION TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST MEANT -- THE CHANGE BEING THE ADOPTION OF THE FULL PARTNER ROLE.
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A. I THINK THE BEST THAT I AM GOING TO BE ABLE TO OFFER YOU ON THAT IS WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID THAT EVENING. I THINK IT HAS ALSO BEEN SAID IN MANY QUARTERS THAT WHAT OUR ROLE WILL BE IS NOT ALTERED.

I WOULD POINT OUT TO YOU, HOWEVER, THAT WHAT IS CHANGED

IS THAT BY THE MERE FACT OF THE SUMMIT AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENT WITH THE OTHER TWO LEADERS IS A CHANGE IN AND OF ITSELF. BUT I WOULD NOT OFFER ANY NEW INTERPRETATION OF WHAT THE AMERICAN ROLE IS GOING TO BE.

Q. WHEN GOVERNMENTS SERIOUSLY CHANGE THE FORMULATION, THE NAME THAT THEY GIVE THEMSELVES AND THE ROLE THAT THEY GIVE THEMSELVES, THEY DONT DO THIS FRIVOLOUSLY. AND YOU HAVE BEEN UP AT THAT PODIUM QUITE A FEW TIMES TELLING US ABOUT HOW YOU ARE A MIDDLEMAN, AND NOT A FULL PARTNER, WHENEVER YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY EVER SINCE THE SADAT VISIT IN FEBRUARY. YOU DIDN'T CALL YOURSELF A FULL

PARTNER, AND NOW YOU DO. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THIS MEANS NOTHING MORE THAN A RHETORICAL CHANGE?

A. I AM SAYING THAT WHAT HAS CHANGED IS THE PARTICIPATION OF THE THREE LEADERS. IN THE PRESIDENT'S PRESENCE WITH MR. BEGIN AND MR. SADAT, WE HAVE BECOME A DIFFERENT KIND OF PARTICIPANT, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF MEETING THAN WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING MUCH BEYOND THAT.

Q. WAS THE SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS A FULL PARTNER SOMETHING THAT WAS AGREED TO IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MR. SADAT?
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A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATIONS BY BOTH PARTIES, MR. SADAT AND MR. BEGIN, WAS UNCONDITIONAL.

Q. WAS HIS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOW A FULL PARTNER -- THE VERY FACT THAT VANCE STEPPED OUT ON THE LAWN AND SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS A FULL PARTNER -- WAS THAT DECLARATION THE RESULT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIM AND MR. SADAT IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS THAT EVENING?

A. I COULDN'T POSSIBLY GO INTO THE CONVERSATIONS. I'VE HEARD HIM USE THE TERM BEFORE THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

Q. HOW LONG BEFORE DID YOU HEAR HIM USE THAT TERM?

A. I'VE HEARD HIM USE IT. I CANT RECALL WHEN.

Q. YOU MEAN, BEFORE HE SAID IT PUBLICLY?

A. NO.

Q. DRIVATELY HE HAS REFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES AS A FULL PARTNER?

A. ALSO HIS SENSE BEING A FULL PARTICIPANT IN THIS CASE, AS I THINK HE EXPLAINED, HIS VIEW OF THIS MEANING A FULL PARTICIPANT.

Q. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARTNERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION. I THINK WE HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING RATHER FULLY. I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE A PARTNER WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

A. MUCH AS YOU WANT ME TO GET SOMETHING ELSE OUT OF THIS, I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT THERE IS NO ESSENTIAL CHANGE IN WHAT
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WE UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE TO BE, EXCEPT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS CHANGED THAT PART OF IT BY CALLING A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN.

Q. THEN YOU SAY THE ONLY CHANGE --

A. I SAID THERE WERE NO PRE-CONDITIONS FOR THIS MEETING.

Q. PRE-CONDITIONS WE HAVE HEARD COVERED AS ADEQUATELY AS I THINK WE ARE GOING TO, BUT YOU ARE SAYING THAT THE ONLY THING THAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT THE LEVEL OF THE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION HAS MOVED UP FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENT.

A. THEREFORE, IT OBVIOUSLY TAKES ON A DIFFERENT CAST AND PERSPECTIVE THAN A MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE KIND OF PARTICIPATION AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL IS CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT IN THAT KIND OF THREE-PART --

Q. I UNDERSTAND THE WORD PARTICIPATION, I DONT UNDERSTAND HOW -- WHY DOES IT MAKE IT A PARTNERSHIP?

A. THE PRESIDENT HAS FULLY COMMITTED HIMSELF HERE TO A FULL TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATION. THAT IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT HAS OCCURRED UP TILL NOW. THAT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED, AND THAT IS THE BEST EXPLANATION I CAN GIVE YOU.

Q. WAS THAT EXPLICITLY EXPLAINED TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN? WAS HE FOREWARNED THAT THIS TERMINOLOGY, FULL PARTNER, WHICH HAS A CERTAIN MEANING --

A. I COULDN'T GET INTO ANY OF THAT.

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Q. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE CAMP DAVID MEETINGS ARE GOING TO TAKE PLACE?

A. I DONT HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE. I HAVE HEARD IT SAID THAT THERE IS NO EXPIRATION DATE.

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT SENDING OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE TO HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION?

A. I WOULD NOT RULE THAT OUT, BUT THAT WOULD BE FOR THEM TO SAY. I DONT KNOW.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ABOUT THOSE REPORTS -- INTELLIGENCE REPORTS -- OF AN EGYPTIAN MILITARY BUILD-UP?

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE SAID THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. DO YOU STILL KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT?

A. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THEM FOR YOU.

Q. I WAS WONDERING IF MAYBE YOU COULD REFLECT AND TELL US SOMETHING -- IF THERE WAS SOME CALCULATED LEAK HERE, CONTRARY TO ADMINISTRATION POLICY. IS THAT THE POINT?

A. I DONT KNOW.

Q. IS SOMEONE TRYING TO SHOOT DOWN THE SUMMIT?

A. I DONT BELIEVE SO.

Q. WELL, IT IS KIND OF PUZZLING THAT YOU AND JERRY SCHECTER DONT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, AND YET TWO MAJOR NETWORKS ARE REPORTING THAT INTELLIGENCE PERCEIVES AN EGYPTIAN BUILD-UP.

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A. LET ME SAY THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH TWO THINGS HERE.

FIRST, I WOULDN'T COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS IN ANY CASE.

SECONDLY, I DONT HAVE ANYTHING I CAN DO WITH THE PUBLISHED REPORTS. THERE IS NOTHING THAT I HAVE AVAILABLE TO OFFER ON THEM.

Q. IF WE CAN STAY AWAY FROM INTELLIGENCE, DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT EGYPT IS NOT COMPLYING IN TERMS OF THE TREATY -- THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT -- AND IS THREATENING A MILITARY BUILD-UP?

A. NO.

Q. WON'T A THREAT OF A MILITARY BUILD-UP BE IN VIOLATION, AT LEAST IN SPIRIT, OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT?

A. I AM JUST NOT AWARE OF ANY OF THIS, AND THEREFORE, I DONT HAVE MUCH OPINION ON IT.

Q. WHEN THESE PEOPLE MEET IN CAMP DAVID, DO YOU EXPECT ON THE TABLE THEY WILL HAVE THE WELL KNOWN ISRAELI PROPOSAL AND THE WELL-KNOWN EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL, AND THEY WILL START FROM WHERE YOU STARTED OUT AT LEEDS? OR DO YOU EXPECT THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD COME UP FROM THE BEGINNING, AND FROM BEFORE THE BEGINNING, WITH SOME NEW IDEAS?

A. I DONT KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING TO PROCEED. WE HOPE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE SUCH THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE PROCESS FURTHER, UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PEACE PROCESS, TO COME TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITION AND HOW TO PROCEED FROM THEM. BUT ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT GOES WITH THE RISK IS THE CHANCE FOR CREATIVE THINKING, WHICH DOESN'T HAVE TO FOLLOW EXACTLY THE FORMULATIONS OF THOSE WHO WRITE POSITION PAPERS FOR VARIOUS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO BREAK THROUGH SOME OF THE PAST DIFFICULTIES.

Q. IN THE PAST YOU HAVE SAID AND THE SECRETARY HAS SAID, THE AMERICAN ROLE IS TO COME UP WITH SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS WHEN IT APPEARS THAT BOTH SIDES ARE AT LOGGERHEADS ON A PARTICULAR PROBLEM. THAT IS DIFFERENT, BUT DEFINITION, FROM THE UNITED STATES COMING IN WITH A SPECIFIC OVERALL PROPOSAL.

A. I DONT ENVISION SUCH A PROPOSAL.

Q. SO WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NOW, EVEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE USE OF THE NEW TERMINOLOGY, IS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT COME IN WITH AN OVERALL PLAN, BUT WILL, AS IN THE PAST, MAKE SUGGESTIONS, OFFER IDEAS, WHEN THE TWO SIDES ARE STUCK ON A PARTICULAR PROBLEM. IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF IT?

A. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I HAVE HEARD NOTHING ON THIS TRIP, IN DISCUSSIONS OF IT, OR ANYWHERE ELSE, THAT SUGGEST THAT WE ARE NOW COMING IN WITH AN OVERALL PLAN TO IMPOSE ON ANYBODY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT

WE WILL, AS ALWAYS, BE PREPARED, WHERE WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL, TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS TO KEEP THE PROCESS GOING.

Q. SO THAT BY THAT DEFINITION OF A CONTINUING AMERICAN FUNCTION, THAT SUBSTANTIVELY DOES NOT DIFFER FROM WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WAS IN THE PAST? THE USE OF THE NEW TERMINOLOGY MAKES A GOOD HEADLINE, BUT DOES NOT HAVE DEEP SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE.

A. I THINK THAT A LOT OF IT REFLECTS THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION AND THE CHANGED NATURE OF THE OVERALL NEGOTIATION.

TIATION, OR MEETING, PROCESS WHICH IS AT THE PRESIDENT-PRIME MINISTER LEVEL IN A MEETING CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT -- IN WHICH WE ARE NOT ONLY GOING TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT, BUT VERY CONCERNED WITH THE OUTCOME.

Q. I MISS THE LEAP IN LOGIC FROM THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPANTS TO FULL PARTNERSHIP THOUGH.

A. THAT IS ABOUT ALL I CAN DO WITH IT.

Q. YOU TALK ABOUT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PEACE PROCESS. UP TO NOW THE FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. IS THIS STILL YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE PEACE PROCESS IS?

A. ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING ALL ALONG IS THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Q. WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO THE PEACE PROCESS IF 242 WERE RE-FORMULATED TO BRING IT UP TO DATE WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION?

A. WE THINK THAT THE BASIS OF THE PEACE PROCESS IS RESOLUTION 242.

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT THE BASIS OF THE SETTLEMENT IS 242, OR DO YOU THINK THAT THERE HAS TO BE A SETTLEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH A RELATIONSHIP TO 242?

A. WE THINK THAT THE BASIS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AND THE BASIS FOR THE PEACE PROCESS, IS RESOLUTION 242. WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT; WE STILL DO.

Q. THE QUESTION IS, DO YOU THINK THAT THE BASIS OF 242 JUST BE THE BASIS OF THE SETTLEMENT -- NOT THE NEGOTIATION?

A. I THINK THAT RESOLUTION 242 HAS TO BE THE BASIS FOR THE SETTLEMENT.

Q. AND IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE REFORMULATED OR BROUGHT UP TO DATE?

A. WE CERTAINLY THINK THAT SOMETHING WHICH WAS EXERTED WITH THAT MUCH SWEAT AND BLOOD IS NOT SOMETHING WHICH COULD BE VERY WISELY UNDERTAKEN -- THE KIND OF REVISION THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

Q. WELL, THAT WAS 1967, AND THE PALESTINIANS WERE JUST REFUGEES. THEY WERE NOT PEOPLE WITH LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO A HOMELAND. BUT YOU GO ON 242?

A. YES.

Q. HOW LONG DID THE SECRETARY MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT
THIS MORNING?

A. I'M NOT SURE, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE HIM.
CERTAINLY IT WAS MORE THAN AN HOUR; I AM JUST NOT SURE
YET. IT WAS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A RELATIVELY EXTENDED
MEETING.

Q. WHO ELSE PARTICIPATED?

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A. I DONT KNOW. I WILL BE ABLE TO GET YOU THAT. I WILL
TAKE THE QUESTION, BOTH ON LENGTH AND PARTICIPATION.

Q. ARE THERE ANY WEEKEND, SECLUDED, LEISURELY, RELAXED
CONFERENCES IN MIND?

A. THE APPROACH TO THE PREPARATION FOR A CAMP DAVID
SUMMIT IS STILL BEING WORKED OUT. I WANT TO REPEAT
MYSELF: CLEARLY THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME INTENSIVE WORK
DONE. THE SETTING, THE TIME, IS SIMPLY NOT SET.

Q. I'M JUST TRYING TO GET AN IDEA. IT WILL BE PAPERWORK
AND PAPERS PASSING FROM STATE TO WHITE HOUSE, ETC.? OR
IS IT LIKELY THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL SIT DOWN WITH THE
SECRETARY AND OTHER KEY ADVISORS FOR AN EXTENDED --

A. I DONT KNOW YET.

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